

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Previously presented) A method for the preparation of anisalcohol by hydrogenation of anisaldehyde, wherein said hydrogenation is carried out in the presence of Raney nickel and a basic additive comprising a metal hydroxide or metal alcoholate.
2. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 1, characterised in that the basic additive comprises sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, sodium methylate or sodium ethylate.

**Claims 3-4 (Cancelled)**

5. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the basic additive is an alkali metal hydroxide or alkali metal alcoholate.
6. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the basic additive is an aqueous alkali metal hydroxide solution.
7. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the basic additive is an alcoholic solution of sodium methylate or sodium ethylate.
8. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said basic additive is included in an amount of, based on the pure form thereof, 0.000001-0.1 to 1 based on the weight of the anisaldehyde.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein said Raney nickel is included in an amount of 0.0001-0.1 to 1 based on the weight of the anisaldehyde.

10. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the basic additive is an alkaline earth metal hydroxide.